<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Previously Presented) A method of configuring a unique computer name record for a primary information handling system included in a network of a plurality of information handling systems, the method comprising:

reading a service tag identifier uniquely identifying the primary information handling system;

incorporating at least a portion of the service tag identifier to define the unique computer name record;

the primary information handling system and the plurality of information handling systems using a substantially similar boot program;

storing the unique computer name record for the primary information handling system in a memory of the primary information handling system;

transferring the unique computer name record to a name registry of the primary information handling system;

booting the primary information handling system from the substantially similar boot program used by each of the plurality of information handling systems but prior to the boot up of the network of information handling systems;

reading the name registry; and

broadcasting the unique computer name record on the network to check for conflicts, and whereby if no conflict exists, the primary information handling system is recognized as a valid node on the network.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of information handling systems is configured to have a corresponding unique computer name record using a service tag identifier of each of the plurality of information handling systems.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the configuration of the unique computer name record occurs prior to the primary information handling system accessing the network.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the configuration of the unique computer name record for the primary information handling system occurs dynamically during a startup of the primary information handling system.

5.   (Cancelled).

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the transfer of the unique computer name record to the name registry occurs prior to the primary information handling system accessing the network.

7.   (Cancelled).

8.   (Currently Amended) A primary information handling system, included in a network of a plurality of information handling systems, comprising:

a processor;

a memory coupled to the processor;

the network coupled to the processor and the memory, wherein the primary information handling system and the plurality of information handling systems use a substantially similar boot program; and

a program stored in the memory, wherein the program is enabled to:

read a service tag identifier uniquely identifying the primary information handling system;

incorporate at least a portion of the service tag identifier to define a unique name record;

permit the primary information handling system and a network of the plurality of information handling systems to use a substantially similar boot program;

store the unique name record for the primary information handling system in the a memory of the primary information handling system;

transfer the unique name record to a name registry of the primary information handling system;

boot the primary information handling system from the substantially similar boot program used by each of the plurality of information handling systems but prior to the boot up of the network of information handling systems;

read the name registry; and

broadcast the unique computer name record on the network to check for conflicts, and whereby if no conflict exists, the primary information handling system is recognized as a valid node on the network.

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein each of the plurality of information handling systems is configured to have a corresponding unique name record using a service tag identifier of each of the plurality of information handling systems.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the definition of the unique name record occurs prior to the primary information handling system accessing the information handling network.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the definition of the unique name record for the primary information handling system occurs dynamically during a startup of the information handling system.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the transfer of the unique name record to the name registry occurs prior to the primary information handling system accessing the information handling network.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having a computer program accessible therefrom, wherein the computer program comprises instructions for:

reading a service tag identifier uniquely identifying a primary information handling system;

incorporating at least a portion of the service tag identifier to define a unique computer name record;

~~wherein the primary information handling system is coupled to a computer network comprising a plurality of information handling systems, wherein the primary information handling system and the plurality of information handling systems use a substantially similar boot program;~~

permitting the primary information handling system and a network of a plurality of information handling systems to use a substantially similar boot program;

storing the unique computer name record for the primary information handling system in a memory of the primary information handling system;

transferring the unique computer name record to a name registry of the primary information handling system;

booting the primary information handling system from the substantially similar boot program used by each of the plurality of information handling systems but prior to the boot up of the network of a plurality of information handling systems;

reading the name registry; and

broadcasting the unique computer name record on the network to check for conflicts, and whereby if no conflict exists, the primary information handling system is recognized as a valid node on the network.

16.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of information handling systems is configured to have a corresponding unique computer name record using a service tag identifier of each of the plurality of information handling systems.

17.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the definition of the unique computer name record occurs prior to the primary information handling system accessing the computer network.

18.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the definition of the unique computer name record for the primary information handling system occurs dynamically during a startup of the information handling system.

19.   (Cancelled).

20.   (Previously Presented)   The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the transfer of the unique computer name record to the name registry occurs prior to the primary information handling system accessing the computer network.

21.   (Cancelled).